

Dear FOIA officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I request that a copy of the following document(s) be provided to me: documents related to the security protection for Environmental Protection Agency Secretary Scott Pruitt for the fiscal year 2017 and fiscal year 2018.

Date Range: 2/17/17-Present

Description of requested records:

- This includes the following: memoranda, compensation records, travel cost for security detail records, cost of Department of Housing and Urban Development's spending on security detail records, agreements, contracts, security assessments, and any other responsive documents related to the protection of Carson.

In order to help determine fees, you should know that I am a representative of the news media. As such, I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages.

I am a reporter at Mother Jones magazine, an award-winning print and web publication with a readership of over 12 million people nationally, per month. As you can see on our website, MotherJones.com, our content is original analysis, not aggregation of information. We have a proven record of ably gathering information on current events, synthesizing that information into distinct journalistic work, and then disseminating it to a broad public.

I request a waiver of any applicable fees. The requested information will give insight into the extent to which Carson receives protection from security personnel at a cost to taxpayers and, more importantly, why. Thus, disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest, and is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the activities of the government. Given that Mother Jones is run by the Foundation for National Progress, a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization, the requested documents are not primarily in my commercial interest.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires. Please send this information in electronic format wherever possible.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone or email, rather than by mail. If you would like to discuss the scope of this request, or have any other questions, I can be reached at 415-692-0856 or at erios@motherjones.com. My mailing address is:

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Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

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